

USDA
Food and Nutrition Service
Food Distribution

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USDA PERSPECTIVE



USDA VISION

- **Commodities should support your menu planning cycle**
- **Commodities should follow best commercial practices**
- **Food safety is critical**



USDA VISION

Two Years:

- ★ ECOS rollout progressing to recipient agency level
- ★ Food Safety Alert System
- ★ Processing
- ★ 250 Regulations

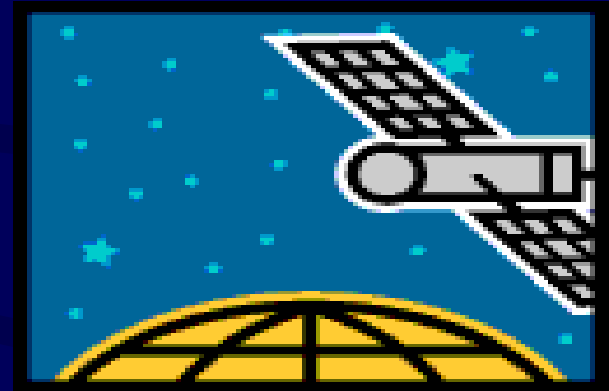


USDA VISION

Five Years:

- ★ **New Technology
(PCIMS Replacement)**

- ★ **Maximum flexibility for ordering/
processing/delivery**



WE ARE PROMOTING FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

DOD FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Our DOD contract for fresh fruits and vegetables increased from \$25 million in SY 2002 to \$50 million in SY 2003.

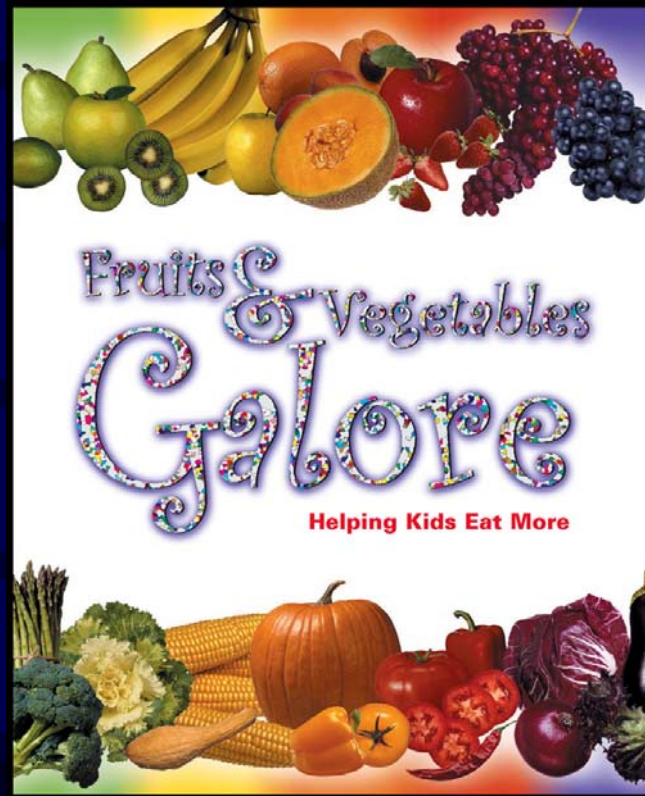
Our purchases of other fruits and vegetables for the commodity programs increased - -

FY '02 = \$158 million

FY '03 = \$194 million



F & V GUIDANCE



★ **Technical guidance for over 99,000 schools**

CHECK OUT THESE OTHER USDA SESSIONS

- ✓ Household Programs Update –
TEFAP/CSFP
- ✓ Value Pass Through Systems
- ✓ Processing – Accountability of Partners
in the Face of Progress
- ✓ ECOS Update
- ✓ NFDM Processing
- ✓ Planned Assistance Level (PAL)
- ✓ Food Safety



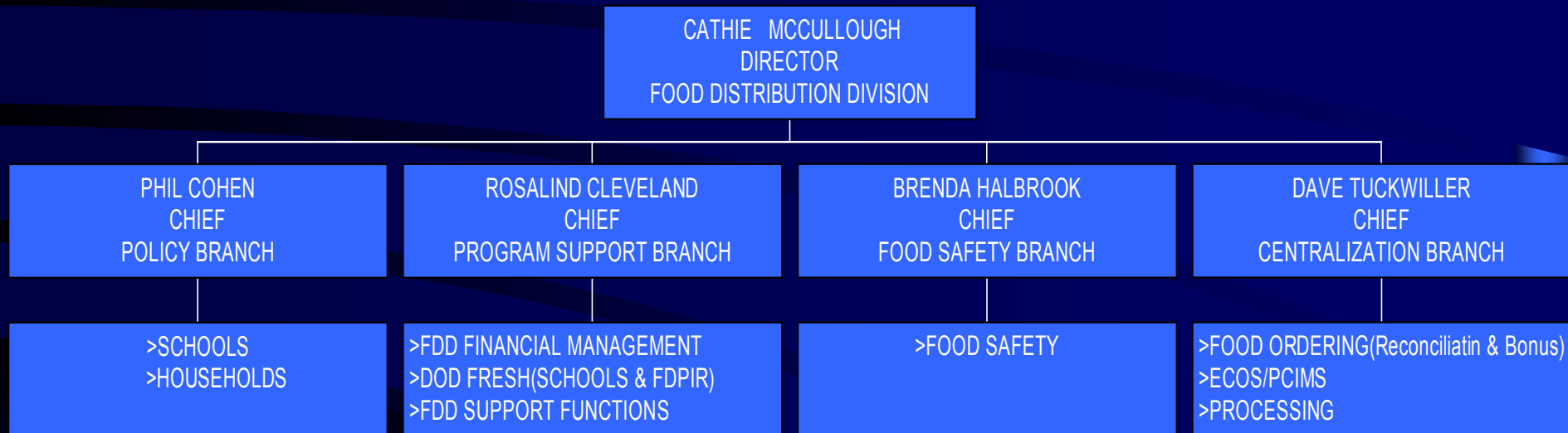
FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION

- Schools and Institutions Branch
- Household Programs Branch
- Program Support Branch
- PCIMS/ECOS/Financial Mgmt.
Support Staff

FDD CHANGES

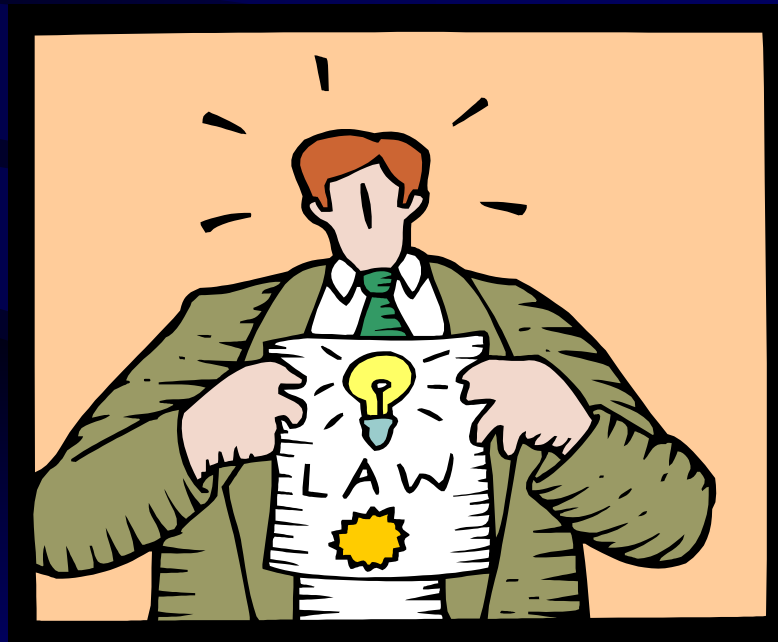
- Launched ECOS
- Centralized Ordering for Schools
- Food Safety
- Processing
- SIB Chief Vacancy

FDD REORGANIZATION



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Policy and Regulations



Q & A POLICY & REGULATIONS

Q: What are the Fed. Regulations that apply to food distribution programs?

A: 7 CFR Part 250-Covers distribution and control of donated foods.

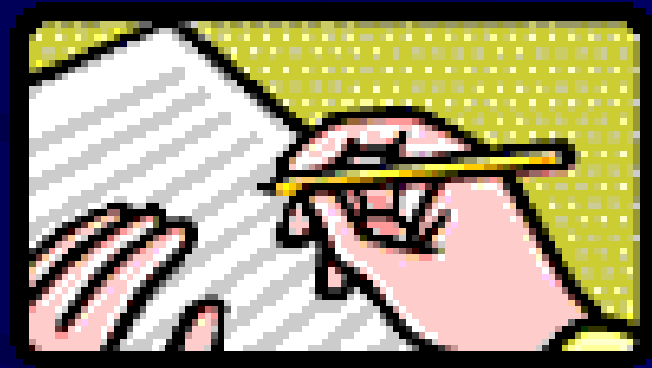
7 CFR Part 250

- **Deliveries and receipt of shipments**
- **Storage and inventory management**
- **Distribution to recipient agencies**
- **Required reports and recordkeeping**
- **Management reviews and audit req's**
- **Processing of donated foods**

Other Fed. Reg's contain requirements for specific distribution programs, e.g., 7 CFR Part 247 for CSFP

**Q. WHERE DOES THE
AUTHORITY FOR WRITING
REGULATIONS RESIDE?**

A: FNS



**As the Federal administering agency
for food distribution programs.**

WHY DO IT?

Legislative change	Results of Management Evaluation	Program data analysis
OIG audit recommendation	GAO report or audit	Input from State/local operators

How does it work?

- Proposed rule – must contain the actual regulatory language that the rule proposes to amend
- FNS generally solicits input from interested parties
- Once developed, the clearance process begins

WHO ARE THE PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING THE REG'S?

- FNS
- OGC
- USDA
- OMB
- Under Secretary then signs
- Rule is published in Fed. Register



HOW ARE REGULATIONS ENFORCED?

- FNS ensures enforcement through on-site ME's and report submissions
- State agencies ensure RA's adhere



WHAT IS POLICY V. REGULATION?

- **Policy memos support/enhance regulations**
- **May include operational procedures, guidance in specific areas, or interpretations of regulatory provisions.**
- **Instructions – Used for more detailed procedures or coordination with other agencies.**

Q: What about waivers?

A: If the regulation itself establishes authority to waive...

- **We may issue a policy memo to do that, e.g., FD-001**
- **We may send a notice to RO's**
- **We may issue a Fed. Register Notice**

HOW ARE POLICIES DEVELOPED?

- **At FNS headquarters**
- **With input from FNSRO's**
- **Through the Policy Review Team**
- **After signature... posted on FDD Website**

WHAT IS IN THE WORKS RE: REG'S?

- **7 CFR Part 250 – partial rewrite**
- **To streamline and clarify**
- **This FY – complete development and initiate clearance process**

7 CFR PART 250 REWRITE

- **Allocations and ordering**
- **Delivery and receipt of shipments**
- **Storage and inventory management**
- **Distribution to recipient agencies**
- **Reports and recordkeeping**

Next - 250 rewrite for FSMC

QUESTIONS

